

Top Syrian officers visiting Cairo — trips not announced

By ANAN SAFADI
Middle East Affairs Correspondent
Despite the ostensibly strained relations between Syria and Egypt, Syrian military officers have recently been making frequent — and unannounced — visits to Cairo. The purpose of the visits is not clear, but reliable sources in the Jerusalem Post that they are initiated by Egypt under the pretext of the need to revive military coordination between the two countries "toward the next phase" of the Arab conflict with Israel. It appears that it is within this context that Egyptian President

Sadat is seeking also to revive his cooperation with Saudi Arabia which he plans to visit next week. It is to be noted that the Syrian military visits to Cairo were taking place against the background of a renewed Egyptian war-mongering, especially by Minister of War, Lt-Gen. Mohammed Abdul-Ghani Gamaasy who has been recently urging Arab vigilance while repeatedly stressing that the war with Israel "is not over."

Nevertheless, military talks between Egyptians and Syrians have, paradoxically often involved Syria's chief negotiator in the Golan Heights disengagement with Israel, Brig-Gen. Adnan Tayyara. It was not clear whether the latter's participation in recent Cairo talks was linked to current probes for possible future negotiation of another disengagement on the Golan Heights. Seasoned observers yesterday said that the U.S. was concentrating its efforts now on bringing about Israeli negotiations with Syria as well as with Jordan, rather than with the latter country alone. These observers said that the Americans would like to see some progress achieved on the Golan Heights before the mandate of the UN peace-keeping forces expires there at the end of May.

WAR TALK BY FAHMY IN CAIRO

CAIRO — Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy said yesterday Egypt could bear the burden of a war economy much longer and would be ready to liberate Sinai militarily if current peace efforts failed. "We do not allow the state of no war, no peace to continue forever... our economy cannot afford the mobilization burden for a long period," said in an interview with Agence France Press.

Fahmy reiterated Egypt's insistence on the PLO's participation at Geneva on an equal basis as other parties "because an overall settlement will be negotiated and there will be no place for step-by-step solutions there."

Meanwhile, Fahmy met separately yesterday with Soviet and American ambassadors here to discuss steps for resuming the conference, which is co-chaired by Russia and the United States. Egypt is seeking its convention before the end of June. (AP)

Two soldiers die in army jail

ASHKELON — Two soldiers who were being detained in an army jail in the north were found dead in their cells 12 days ago, it was said from the families yesterday. Military authorities have not issued a statement on the deaths, but it is believed that the two committed suicide. They were members of the Ashkelon, and Yehuda Alkan of Yotvata.

The Army Spokesman told it was a judge has been appointed to inquire into the death of the two soldiers and that his findings would be published within a few days. The parents of Menahem Tsirker, 21, and Aharon Tsirker, who migrated with their children from six years ago, have asked the Army Ombudsman, Aluf (Res) Shmuel Laskov, to investigate.

Delivery system for Phantoms

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON — Israel will equip Phantom fighters with a new inertial weapon-delivery system, "Aviation Week" reported yesterday. It said that Israel has been

planning this operation since before the 1973 Yom Kippur War. Israeli proposals for the new system will be sent to several companies, including Singer Kearsfoot, Litton Industries and Lear Siegler, "Aviation Week" said.

Three nations probing payoffs by Lockheed to promote sales

LONDON — Three countries suspected by thousands of miles have filed major inquiries into allegations of payoffs to officials by America's Lockheed Aircraft Corporation. Charges of bribery — in one case naming Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands — were under investigation in Holland, Japan and Colombia. The payoffs were said to have been made to promote Lockheed sales around the world.

The Dutch Cabinet held a special session yesterday in The Hague to set up an unprecedented independent commission of inquiry into the allegations that Lockheed gave Prince Bernhard \$1.1m. The inquiry and the allegations, denied by the 64-year-old Prince, were likely to stir a major political controversy in Holland.

Prime Minister Joop den Uyl convened the Cabinet after telling the nation that the Government had concluded that Prince Bernhard was the high Dutch official mentioned by Lockheed President A.C. Kottchian in testimony to a U.S. Senate subcommittee in Washington last Friday. One senior Dutch official said that

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Prime Minister Rabin and Defence Minister Peres at yesterday's Knesset session. (Rahamim Israeli)

Light snow falls in Jerusalem area

Jerusalem Post Staff
Snow flurries interspersed with sleet began falling about 11 p.m. yesterday in the Jerusalem area, picking up where the rain had left off. Just a few hours earlier the weatherman had issued snow warnings for the hilly areas. The snow is expected to continue today, and temperatures — which dropped by an average of five degrees yesterday — are expected to be still lower today.

Maximum temperatures forecast for today: Jerusalem 5; Tel Aviv 12; Haifa 12; Eilat 17. The current stormy weather is due to a front of cold air moving this way from Greece and Turkey, the weatherman said.

He predicted snow flurries in Jerusalem, Hebron and Galilee. In other parts of the country, rain and strong wind will continue as far south as Beer Sheva. Despite yesterday's downpour, farmers in the southern grain belt are afraid their field crops are drying. Rainfall in the Negev was hardly significant yesterday, and the seasonal totals so far are way behind the average figures. At Eilat, near Beer Sheva, only 27mm. of rain has fallen this winter, compared to an annual average of 74mm. Ashdod has received 92mm. out of an annual average of 48mm., and Gaza — 132mm. (371mm. average).

Ford reported 'outmanoeuvred' on Israel aid

NEW YORK — Syndicated columnist Rowland Evans and Robert Novak claimed in the "New York Post" yesterday that President Ford was outmanoeuvred by pro-Israel Senators into reversing his "careful strategy to keep negotiating pressure on Israel."

Alignment backing because 'time not ripe'

By ASHEE WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
The Alignment Knesset faction voted unanimously at a closed caucus a few hours before the noon-speech debate to give Prime Minister Rabin its full backing, not because it believed he had been unjustly assailed, but because it felt the time was not ripe under the pressure of a Likud offensive to air the problem seriously.

Rabin stated his case on the controversial weapons shopping list issue in the course of a survey of his visit to the U.S. and emphasized that he had no intention of casting blame on anybody in connection with the lists.

The faction did not debate Premier Rabin's statement for lack of time as well as inclination. A few faction members asked questions in a manner which made it clear that they sensed an underlying distrust between the Prime Minister and the Defence Minister, which was bad for the party's health. They seemed convinced that Rabin had not deliberately intended to depict the defence heads in a negative light. However, several members stressed that a problem of clash of personality existed, and that this could not be glossed over indefinitely.

In surveying his U.S. visit, Premier Rabin painted a positive picture of the sympathy for Israel which he encountered at all levels, from the White House and the Congress through the Administration and down to the people. "I found a broad, solid base of support for us

Knesset gives Rabin vote of confidence

Shopping list issue only of 'secondary nature,' PM says

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
The Knesset yesterday gave Prime Minister Rabin and his Coalition a clear vote of confidence. By 63 votes to 34, with 12 abstentions, the House struck down a Likud motion calling on Rabin to resign forthwith. The Likud argued that the remarks he made to the Israeli press corps in Washington, under the pseudonym of a "senior source" about weapons shopping lists, proved Rabin unfit to govern.

He had explained to U.S. leaders that negotiations were being held up by the Arabs' fundamental refusal to accept the existence of the State, and not because of any fault of Israel. The Palestine issue did not constitute an obstacle to peace either.

Israel and the U.S. had agreed on the need to try and recall the Geneva conference without the terrorists, Rabin said. Other possibilities for peace negotiations were also agreed upon, as well as objectives closer at hand than peace. No need had arisen to take operative decisions, because of the U.S. Government's sober and realistic approach, he said, and that of Israel. Rabin said that understanding between Israel and the U.S. on the Palestine issue had apparently been reinforced. Administration leaders said they favoured a solution in the context of peace with Jordan, rather than negotiations with the terrorists to establish a third state.

He praised the U.S. for its arms aid to Israel after the Yom Kippur War, when it gave weapons from its emergency arsenals and even from U.S. Army units. After disengagement with Syria, he said, Israel and the U.S. agreed that Israel present a detailed list of the weapons it needed for the following decade. The list, as drafted, dealt in detail with the first five years and in general terms with the second five years.

It was found necessary subsequently to revise the lists, because of mounting costs, budgetary changes, the unrealistic extent of the arms requests, and the objections raised to some of the items. Rabin said that everybody in the Administration and Congress knew that Israel had revised its shopping lists. He decided to clarify the issue to the Israeli press corps in a background briefing, and stressed that the original and the revised lists alike bore his approval. He said: "Anybody attributing to me an intention which I did not have is both wrong and misleading. If the impression was created that I criticized the Defence Minister and the Defence establishment, that is to be regretted, because it was definitely not my intention."

Rabin commented in reply to a Likud attack that the Government voiced its objections to the U.S. about possible U.S. arms supplies to East dispute. (Continued on page 3, col. 1)

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Very cold air penetrating from Balkans & Turkey to E. Med. Weather synopsis: Cloudy and cold with occasional rain at night & possible snow on hills.

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Min-Max
Jerusalem	97	1-7	2-9
Golan	98	1-8	2-10
Nahariya	98	1-14	7-11
Safed	99	1-7	1-14
Hadera	99	1-10	8-13
Tiberias	99	1-10	8-13
Nazareth	99	1-10	8-13
Sharon	99	1-10	8-13
Tel Aviv	99	1-10	8-13
B.G. Airport	99	1-10	8-13
Jericho	99	1-10	8-13
Beersheba	99	1-10	8-13
Eilat	99	1-10	8-13
Tiran Straits	99	1-10	8-13

Social and Personal

President Katzir yesterday received a delegation of members of the National Council of Jewish Women in the U.S., which sponsors the institute for the education of the disadvantaged next to the Hebrew University.

The Speaker of the Knesset, Yisrael Yeshayahu, yesterday received at his office the new British Ambassador, Thomas Anthony Keith Elliot.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliot visited Hechal Shlomo yesterday.

The Minister of Housing, Avraham Ofer, yesterday received the Swedish Ambassador, Fritz Ivo Dolling.

Mr. Dolling also called on Education Minister Asher Yadin.

The Minister of Interior, Dr. Yosef Burg, yesterday received the South African Ambassador, Dr. Charles Fincham.

The Minister of Tourism, Mr. Moshe Kol, yesterday received the Thai Ambassador, Mr. Nibhon Wilairat.

A library for pre-kindergarten children has been dedicated in Jerusalem's Baka's quarter in memory of Rivka and Michael Ben-Yitzhak, who died in last July's Zion Square terror bombing. The books and furniture were donated by members and friends of the Adala Chapter of the National Religious Women's Organization.

Moshe Rivlin, director-general of the Jewish Agency and associate member of the Executive of the World Zionist Organization is speaking on "The Jewish people-Israel's faithful ally," at a meeting of the Jerusalem-Habira Lions Club at the Jerusalem-Habira Hotel today.

ARRIVALS

Jan Pearce, the noted singer, for a holiday and to give a series of recitals. Elmer Winter, national president of the American Jewish Committee, for a nine-day conference of the A.C. Board of Governors.

Dr. Seymour Lachman, professor at the Baruch School of the City University of New York, heading a group of 11 American educationalists to study education in Israel during a week-long tour.

Strike over at Education Min.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE staffs of the Education Ministry decided last night to end their sanctions, started six days ago in an effort to secure "specific increments" and grade raises. The terms of the settlement were still being discussed at a meeting with Education Minister Aharon Yadin in his office late last night.

The sanctions involved the workers refusal to handle mail or telephone calls, or to receive the public.

SALO SHARF

at 1.30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 1976, at Har Hamenuhot, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem.

We shall meet in the car park of the cemetery. A special bus will leave at 1.15 p.m. from the Binyanei Ha'Ooma plaza.

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SHERER and KAUFMAN FAMILIES

Three killed, 10 hurt in fog crashes

THREE PERSONS were killed and 10 others injured yesterday in a spate of road accidents in the Judean Hills. Most of the accidents were attributed to a heavy mist.

Dorit Eisenstark-Padan, 55, was killed in a head-on collision between the taxi she was riding in and an Egged bus coming from Beersheba. The driver of the taxi, Yael Daroma, was taking Mrs. Eisenstark-Padan and six other passengers to Beersheba. Tawfik al-Sheikh, 45, of Beit Hanina, was seriously injured. Also on the critical list from among the cab's passengers are Moshe Goldwasser, 25, of Jerusalem and an unidentified man who had not regained consciousness by last night. Two passengers in the bus sustained minor injuries.

Police rushed to the scene of the crash near the Etzion Bloc, and set up warning signs to other drivers. But these did not prevent the head-on collision shortly afterwards of a truck and a bus, both from Judea. Two passengers and two pedestrians were slightly injured in this crash.

Traffic piled up in the area as the police investigated the first two accidents, causing yet another. A Frison Service van coming from Jerusalem ploughed into the back of a slow-moving truck in the fog. As a result, the driver of the van, Rami Najah, 25, of Sufaram, was killed on the spot, and a passenger, Hillel Ben-David, 26, of Or Akiva, was seriously injured. In an unrelated accident, Muhammad Abu Hamriya, 26, of Elzariya (Bethany) was run over and killed on the Jerusalem-Jericho road by an East Jerusalem bus. The driver was detained for questioning. (H/M)

Dorit Eisenstark-Padan was head of the Behavioural Sciences Department at the University of the Negev until last year. This year she took over a new, interdisciplinary institute for the study of women. The former Hebrew University lecturer was the author of studies on the status of women, the sociology of the family, and sex roles. Born in Vienna, she was married and lived in Jerusalem.

Histadrut, employers renew talks

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut and the private employers appeared to be working out a deal to break the deadlock in negotiations over a new labour agreement in the production sector.

They are trying to work out a solution over the employers' demand that workers get 50 per cent of their pay for the second and third day they are away, rather than 80 per cent as at present. They are also seeking how to quickly introduce new production norms.

Dov Lautman, who represents the coordinating bureau of economic organizations, yesterday reiterated the decision of employers "not to sit" with the Histadrut unless the latter accepts those demands.

Histadrut leaders yesterday examined possible solutions and from time to time phoned the private employers to sound them out. Later in the day, Uriel Abrahamowicz, who heads the Histadrut negotiating team, conferred with Lautman.

The parties were not talking about what went on during the meeting and Abrahamowicz would not even tell his own spokesman what they discussed. Both Abrahamowicz and Lautman told *The Jerusalem Post* that no decisions were reached.

Asked if the gap had been narrowed they said that as long as negotiations were underway, it was difficult to estimate.



Police stood by at the Temple Mount yesterday to prevent further demonstrations by Arab pupils. (Rahamin Yisraeli)

23 arrested for Temple Mount riot

TWENTY-TWO Arab school boys and a young woman are being held in custody for allegedly inciting a protest yesterday on the Temple Mount — the third such incident in three days. Six other youths were yesterday remanded by the Jerusalem Magistrates Court for seven days for Sunday's protest.

At 8 o'clock yesterday morning, high school youths began milling about the Temple Mount and by 10 o'clock, 300 had gathered. Police arrested 18, including a girl who

allegedly assaulted the East Jerusalem police chief. Other youths began calling through the Al Aksa Mosque microphones for more demonstrators. The appeals did not succeed, and the crowd threw stones at the police. Five more were arrested and the gathering dispersed by 1 o'clock. The present protest wave stems from the Jerusalem Magistrate's acquittal two weeks ago of Jewish youths arrested nine months before for praying on the verges of the Temple Mount. The State Attorney is to appeal against this verdict.

No local buyers yet for Maritime vessels

Jerusalem Post Reporter
There are no buyers as yet for the eight ships of the Maritime Fruit Carriers Company which fly under the Israeli flag, Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi said yesterday. He was addressing the heads of the two seamen's unions representing the officers and ratings who had called upon him to demand urgent government action to prevent the sale to foreign buyers of the Company's eight refrigeration ships.

The two unions urged the Government to grant potential Israeli buyers of the ships financial concessions, as practised by other maritime countries, to make the purchases possible. They stressed that the ships were profitable.

Ya'acobi said that, despite Israel's interest that the ships continue to fly under the Israeli flag, no buyers had yet been found who were willing to acquire the ships at the present conditions of sale.

The minister said that the gap between what the Maritime Fruit Carriers Company was asking and

what different groups in Israel were offering was still too great. He added that the Maritime Carriers was a private company and the government is in no way involved in the firm's business. Noting that there was a depression in world shipping which had also affected the profits of the Israel merchant marine, Ya'acobi pointed out that, nevertheless, income from the Israel fleet should amount to \$450m. this year. The activities of the merchant marine were therefore important to the country's security and economy.

Officers Union Secretary Adam Chislik said last night that he would not acquiesce in the sale of the ships and the loss of 300 seamen's jobs on them, as long as the ministry authorises the charter of foreign ships to carry Israel cargoes. He had also urged the minister to order bare board charters when absolutely necessary, so that the ships would at least be manned by Israeli crews.



AT THE STATE memorial service on Mount Herzl for Prime Minister Levi Eshkol on the seventh anniversary of his death, yesterday from left to right: Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, chairman of the advisory council of the Bank of Israel David Horowitz, and Commerce Minister Haim Bar-Lev. (Harrati)

Clampdown on University of Zambia

LUSAKA. — Two foreign lecturers were arrested yesterday in what appeared to be a major clampdown by police on the restive university of Zambia, informed sources reported. They identified the two men as Dario Longhi, an American lecturer in sociology, and Robert Molteno, a South African-born tutor in political science.

The arrests brought to four the number of lecturers who have been detained since President Kenneth Kaunda declared a full state of emergency two weeks ago. A large number of police massed near the university. Officials said the main campus had been closed indefinitely.

Tension between authorities and the university has been rising since students demonstrated recently in favour of the Soviet-backed Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA). (Reuters)

FORD

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the present fiscal year and the beginning of the new one.

The chief beneficiary of the military aid is Israel, and Ford had personally ordered a major aid cut for Israel starting July 1. Evans and Novak wrote.

The columnists claimed that Ford had ordered the \$1.5b. rate reduced to \$1b. "to warn Israel that no such vast amount of American aid was to be counted on year after year without further evidence of Israel's negotiating flexibility," thus there was consternation at the White House when it was discovered that the \$1.5b. rate had been authorized for another quarter.

The writers claimed that "to long-time watchers of the skilled, pro-Israel lobby here, it indicated a predicament was being laid to support long-range arms aid at the \$1.5b. level with or without further Israeli withdrawal from Arab lands."

They also claimed that Premier Rabin achieved a major success in his 90-minute closed door session with the Senate Appropriation Committee "that Israel was to remain and the U.S. Defence Department, and the Central Intelligence Agency were wrong in their conflicting assessment of Israel's need for U.S. arms... the all-important decision Congress will make about arms for Israel in the near future... could make a multi-million dollar difference to American taxpayers," Evans and Novak wrote. (JTA)

Terrorists burn buses near Jenin

JENIN. — Armed terrorists on the Nablus-Jenin road, near Kafir Fandakumiya, yesterday set fire to three buses, used to transport Samaritan workers to Israel.

The buses, one belonging to Egged, the other two to Arab firms, and empty except for the drivers, were stopped near Fandakumiya by roadblocks. They then came under rifle fire. Three unidentified armed men ordered the drivers out and then burned the vehicles.

The terrorists did not harm the drivers but ordered them to stop transporting workers to Israel. The drivers reported the incident to West Bank security forces. (H/M)

Security forces yesterday found a considerable quantity of explosives hidden in the gear-box of a truck coming across the Adam (Damiya) bridge from Jordan. The driver was taken into custody and several other arrests were expected.

Danes defeat J'lem Betar, 2:1

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Danish national soccer team last night beat Jerusalem Betar 2:1, all three goals coming in the last 15 minutes of play at the Bloomfield Stadium here.

Six thousand fans braved the wet weather and were treated to a fast game, far superior to that between the visitors and the Israel national team last week.

The Betar lineup was reinforced by Moshe Spiegel and Shmuel Rosenfeld, who have experience playing for professional teams overseas.

The Danes took the lead in the 72nd minute when Frank Nielsen cracked in a shot from 16 metres. Kurt Hansen did the same in the 80th minute. Five minutes later, Spiegel was fouled by Mortensen and Uri Mahdallian made no mistake from the penalty spot to pull a goal back for Jerusalem. Best for the home side were Danny Neuman, Spiegel and Jano.

Judge jails ruffian despite police plea

TEL AVIV. — A 28-year-old man on trial for attacking a woman at a hotel here received sympathy from unexpected quarters — the police prosecutor.

According to the charge sheet, Daniel Abutbul attacked and wounded a woman in a Tel Aviv hotel. When the hotel owner called the police, Abutbul threatened to shoot him with an Uzi submachine gun and burn down his hotel. Police prosecutor Haim Shmuel told magistrate's court Judge Yitzhak Ravi that he had no intention of proving the threat charges, but would concern himself with the assault charge.

The prosecution, after presenting the magistrate with a list of previous offences by the accused, requested that he be given a suspended sentence.

Judge Ravi, expressing surprise at the police prosecutor's attitude, gave Abutbul a three-month suspended sentence.

The police prosecutor then asked for release of the accused until appeal was heard. The judge rejected the request.

6 months' jail for drag racing in Jericho

JERICHO. — Three East Jerusalem youths were sentenced here yesterday to six months in prison for tearing down the town's streets in a car the previous day.

The magistrate said he was imposing so harsh a sentence because no one had ever threatened the Jericho policemen thus before. The prisoners had been presented to him yesterday for remanding but he decided to dispense swift justice. (H/M)

IL45,000 fine for illegal garage

TEL AVIV. — The Migash Hirya firm and its manager, Ellyahu Sa'adon, were fined IL45,000 by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court for building without permission. Sa'adon was also given a six-month suspended prison sentence.

Sa'adon set up a petrol station with a licence but continued to dig up adjacent farm land and to construct a repair garage. His illegal structure was ordered torn down unless he can get a licence by next January. (H/M)

Six textile men in court on IL115,000 theft charge

By YOEL DAE
Jerusalem Post Reporter
NAZARETH. — The trial of six employees of the Kibon textile plant in Upper Nazareth in connection with the theft of IL115,000 worth of yarn began in the district court here yesterday.

Three of the men admitted part of the allegations. The charges against two others were not read because their defence counsel was absent owing to mourning. One of the accused denied all charges.

Shaul David, 30, pleaded guilty after some reservations about his part in the theft, and the prosecutor agreed to amend the charge to involve a sum of IL12,300 only.

Will Berkowitz admitted part of the charges, and Shalom Kraemer, director of manpower and security in the plant, admitted having taken part in a meeting at which the thefts were planned, but claimed to have objected to them. Kraemer said that the others decided however to go ahead with the plan and to pay Kraemer his share, IL3,000 altogether. He accepted this money.

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the money without knowing what it was for, the attorney admitted that it had been "for the unlawful removal of yarn from the plant. He added, however, that Kraemer had asked his colleagues to take the thefts, and had threatened to take steps. Last year Kraemer in fact asked the police to investigate at the plant.

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Rosh Ha'ayin rioters held

TWENTY-FIVE PERSONS arrested for rioting over the weekend in Rosh Ha'ayin were brought before a Pitha Pitha magistrate yesterday to be remanded in custody.

Four other residents of the village are already in police custody. The judge yesterday issued 14-day remand orders against five of the suspects, seven-day orders against 13 others, and ordered the remaining seven released on bail. But he agreed to leave them in detention until this morning, pending a police appeal against their release.

The police reinforcements called in to restore order after rioters burned police cars and stopped a train Friday afternoon were pulled out yesterday. But the town is still tense.

The cause of the violent demonstration was the unmet demand of 180 young couples in Rosh Ha'ayin — 15 kilometres from Tel Aviv — for housing at the same terms

the Government gives in development towns and border areas. The Black Panthers intervened yesterday, demanding that the 25 suspects be released from jail — "to calm the town down." Panther leader Shalom Cohen told reporters in Jerusalem that his organisation supported the young couples in Rosh Ha'ayin and would stage another demonstration there soon.

The Knesset Presidium yesterday denied urgency to two motions on the agenda about the riots and the housing problem. Rosh Ha'ayin, tabled by the Aguda Bloc and Likud. Both factions are appealing the bar today, in the House Committee.

A FORA SCROLL was burned in a fire at the Forest Yosef youth in Jerusalem's Katamon section, at midnight on Sunday. Arson is suspected.

Amin worried by French presence

NATROBI. — Uganda's President Idi Amin has expressed "alarm" over what he described as a growing French military buildup off the East African coast, Uganda Radio said yesterday.

The radio, monitored here, said Amin, current chairman of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), said the French move posed a threat to peace and stability in the area.

Amin said he was commenting on reports France had sent 1,000 troops to Aden and Mass last week and had strengthened its naval presence in the Indian Ocean (AP)

Iraqi-Syrian friction over Lebanon

BEIRUT. — Signs of friction between Syria and Iraq and unease in hard-line Palestinian ranks rippled the surface calm of Lebanon yesterday as the Government prepared to implement the peace accord.

Newspapers splashed the warning by Iraqi President Ahmed Hassan al-Bakr issued on Sunday that Baghdad would not stand idly by if attempts were made to liquidate radical Palestinian groups in Lebanon.

Arabic commentators said al-Bakr's statement showed how seriously Iraq viewed the attack last week on two Lebanese newspapers — both of whom were anti-Baghdad — when seven persons died. The attack was carried out by Palestinian terrorists of the pro-Syrian Saeika organization.

It reflected the deep-seated rivalry between the Syrian and Iraqi regimes, especially at a time when Syria had gained full credit for negotiating an end to 10 months of civil war in Lebanon.

No-confidence debate

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It raised the matter in connection with the reported sale of Hercules transport planes, not because any specific item was significant but because such supply would form a precedent.

He stressed once more the deep friendship for Israel he encountered on his visit from Americans at every level, the untrammelled readiness of U.S. Jewry to aid Israel, and his personal appreciation to President Ford and his other hosts.

The Likud spokesman, Haim Landau, accused the Premier of doing harm to Israel's security interests in the U.S. He had struck a blow at the credibility of the Government and the defence establishment alike, Landau said.

Israel's arms requests would encounter increasing difficulties as a result of the Premier's revelation, Landau believed. The list had already shrunk out of all recognition, arms requests in 1975 which should have been delivered in 1976 would only arrive in 1977 or 1978, and in smaller quantities, he said.

Landau mocked Rabin for claiming that he was satisfied with the visit he made to the U.S., when in fact his statements about the arms lists shocked his political friends and foes alike. Landau pointed out that the Premier's statements were a blow at the credibility of the Government and the defence establishment alike, Landau said.

He surmised that perhaps Rabin asked the basic qualities which a Premier requires to conduct himself properly under conditions of fatigue, tension or pressure. Landau told Rabin not to try and gloss the affair over as a minor hitch. It was much more, a danger to the state as well as a disgrace, Landau said. For all those reasons, the Prime Minister should resign forthwith.

First Meyer adds:
In the debate, representatives of the factions made the following points:

It is a new departure in Israeli politics to see problems of internal politics — even reckonings with the press — solved by the Prime Minister during a visit to the U.S. It is followed by explanations; the Government is a specialist in credibility with a long list of failures: the Timna mine closing, the

Bigged strike, the Hausner plan for reorganizing Ministries, the censorship law, even the Yundeff case, among others. The Prime Minister owes Knesset members answers to 106 parliamentary questions. (Yitzhak Mordechai — Likud)

The PM's statement was no more than a regrettable incident, marring his mission. We should retain our ability to distinguish between main issues and marginal matters. For Israel there is no such thing as "exaggerated" weapons demands; there is no need to increase the pessimism of the public's mood by gloomy articles such as that recently published by Prof. Yuval Ne'eman, (Zerah Warhaftig — NRP)

I advise the Prime Minister to heed the saying in Proverbs: "He who guards his tongue, may save himself much trouble." I don't know what caused greater damage — the initial slip or the comment following it. (Shlomo Lorincz — Aguda)

The Premier's visit proved that there is no erosion of support for Israel in the U.S. (Yehuda Shalev — ILF)

The Government tells neither the Knesset nor the public the truth. There are no meaningful differences — only nuances — between the policies of the Alignment or the Likud. (Meir Wilner — New Communists)

The Prime Minister revealed publicly that there is lack of communication between members of the Government. New elections are the only remedy. (Boaz Moav — CRM)

We have no confidence in a hapless Government by the Alignment, which lacks a clear policy line; but the Likud would only lead us into deeper trouble. (Arie Lova — Independent Socialists)

I never thought that our safety was only a function of the amount of weapons at our disposal. Even if the U.S. approved only 70 per cent of our arms requirements, there is no danger, as long as our spirits are up. We must start talks with Jordan and the Palestinians and not wait until the U.S. drags us to the negotiating table together with the PLO. (Meir Pa'il — Moked)

I regret that the Prime Minister finds it necessary to apologize to the Knesset for a careless statement he made abroad. But the damage should be minimized and not exploited for political ends, as the Likud tries to do. (Benjamin Halevi — Independent)

Rabin at the Alignment

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through the caucus passively without speaking. Mordechai Le-Porat, dynamic figure in the ex-Rafi wing, stayed away from the caucus entirely, saying it did not interest him. Another ex-Rafi man claimed that he and Rabin had not collaborated on the draft of Rabin's statements in the faction or in the team — despite a flood of press reports to this effect. David Coren, ex-Rafi, walked out half way through, explaining that he was tired.

Rabin's only warm supporter was Ari Ankori, who praised the Prime Minister and said sadly that he was returning from such a successful U.S. visit only to be torn to shreds on his arrival home. At this, Shach Navon quipped: "They tore the senior source" to shreds — not the Prime Minister.

Two Mapam men, Dov Zaklin and Eliezer Ronen, urged the Alignment to stage a full-dress political debate in the near future and draft

far-reaching political programmes. Rabbi Menahem Hacohen of Labour applauded this idea. Faction chairman Moshe Wertman said he would do his best to arrange this.

The parliamentary press corps was in a ferment yesterday because the Alignment faction invited two of its members only, representing "Dava" and "Al Hamishmar," to attend the caucus — which is usually open to all the press. The logic of the invitation was that the two papers were "house organs," which could be trusted to print only what the party leadership permitted, and suppress whatever was inconvenient. But the rest of the press corps just walked in and sat down. Finally, chairman Wertman decided to bar the entire press rather than favour the two house organs.

After the caucus, the press corps got an official handout describing what transpired. The press corps filled this bland framework out with a broad selection of leaks from communicative members, thus producing a far more vivid and racy account than the official version.

Minister blames engineers for phone sanctions

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Deputy Minister of Communications, Eli Moyal, yesterday blamed engineering workers of the Ministry's Tel Aviv branch for "tormenting" efforts to avoid work sanctions. He was replying to urgent messages for the agenda in the Knesset by Hillel Seidel (ILP) and Eliezer Yisraeli (NRP) about recent strikes in the civil service.

Moyal said that last year only 10 civil servants had been called before disciplinary courts, and that the case of the Tel Aviv engineering workers is the only one in which attempts are being made to exert

pressure on the courts. As it is, only 1,800 of the 7,000 engineering workers in the Tel Aviv district have joined in the sanctions, which include a slowdown in telephone repairs and installations.

The disciplinary action stems from an incident several weeks ago in which engineering workers allowed TV crews to film a new exchange without first securing permission.

Mr. Moyal told the Knesset that he had scheduled a meeting at the Ministry to discuss the case with the workers to settling it amicably, the workers started their sanctions.

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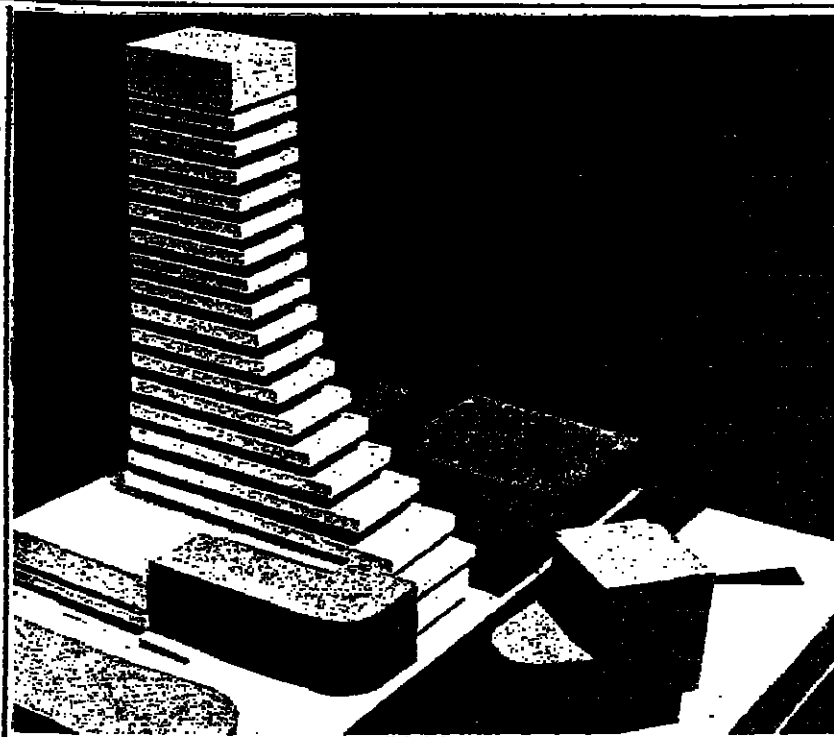
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A model of the Haim Tower, to be built in Haifa.

Business 'tower' for Haifa

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Construction of the city's largest commercial building, the Haim Tower, is to start within a month at the eastern end of the town's main street, Rehov Herzl.

The 23-story building, which will have 13,000 square metres of floor space, is expected to take three years to complete, and is likely to change the character of Rehov Herzl, moving its centre from west to east.

The building will be financed by a partnership of the Kuehnrich Brothers Pura company, backed by foreign investors, and the Mifal Pales Ltd. Building Contractors. The building will include a large shopping centre, slanted for the tourist trade, a big fur centre, offices, a popular class hotel, and a restaurant.

and cafeteria on the top floor. In addition it will have several underground storeys for parking, storerooms and a shelter. About IL40m. will be invested.

The building, designed by architect Moshe Oren, will go up on a plot bought before the Yom Kippur War from 20th Century Fox, the film company, which had intended to build a cinema there.

Shlomo Kuehnrich told The Jerusalem Post that he intends to offer some of the space to small, independent workers in the U.S. who are being driven out of the trade by the high wages and the competition from the big firms. Skilled labour in the trade was much cheaper in Israel, which had a reservoir of such workers among Russian immigrants.

Haifa mayor wants 50% increase in rates

By YA'ACOV ARDON

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Haifa's new Mayor, Yehoram Zeisel, told the press on Sunday that local rates would have to go up by 50 to 60 per cent at this year because the Finance Ministry would not make up the deficit.

The Mayor stated that an emergency meeting of the heads of local authorities was due to be held on Thursday to consider the financial situation of the towns in the light of the Finance Minister's statement that he would allocate only IL200m. towards their deficits, which totalled about IL500m. this year.

The Finance Minister had suggested to local authorities that they curtail even such essential services as education and street lighting. The Mayor said that the municipal authorities in Haifa would do whatever possible to increase efficiency and to economize.

Mr. Zeisel was addressing his first press conference since his election last month. He said that the sum of IL550m. which was being proposed for Haifa's 1976-77 budget is IL130m. more than the year. He expected a deficit of IL130m. He expected to cover the deficit by Government grants, and by higher contributions from the Ministries towards the cost of public services provided through the municipality, such as education, welfare and road-building.

Here are some points made by Mr. Zeisel:
On keeping the city clean: "We are desperately short of workers. We employed a contractor who supplied men from the West Bank, but the agreement had to be suspended (the

contractor was charged with illegal practices).
"We are using mechanical equipment wherever possible, but still need labour. We are taking on anyone willing to work."

On the controversial Rehov Hantke building project: "You can't shrug off the pressures for development... Town planners disagree between themselves. Some support such plans as that for Rehov Hantke (to which the Rehov Einstein residents object strongly). It is true that serious planning mistakes have been made in Haifa. Rehov Einstein has been poorly planned. The mistakes go back to the time of the British Mandate... A debate is going on all the time on what kind of a city we want: a maximum number of people? More immigrants? I'm not in favour of a bigger city at all costs... But there are pressures for closer building. Haifa, however, should be a town in which it is worth while to live."

Mr. Zeisel denied the reports that the city would suffer financial loss because of the long delay in entering immovable property in the records of the Land Registry Office. "Nobody but we can rightfully make use of that property anywhere, and the formal recording is at issue. Much property had been recorded during the past year by an official who was an expert in this matter. The property department had been badly understaffed."

The Mayor also announced that the city executive has decided to establish two to three permanent retail markets to relieve the congestion at the Tzupit Market in Hadar Hacarmel.

Busy month for El Al

By ZEEV SCHUL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEIN-GURION AIRPORT. — El Al today expects an all-time record, which all of its three jumbos and one of its Boeing 707s are expected to bring in capacity loads from the U.S. and Canada.

The visitors include late-comers to Fashion Week and contingents from Canada to attend the Zionist Federation conference opening here this week. El Al told The Jerusalem Post that bookings for February are unusually heavy and that the company expects a good month, matching the 30 per cent increase in tourist traffic reported last month (over January, 1975).

Meanwhile, the chairman of Long Island Travel Agents Association, Aharon Jayson, earlier this week condemned charter flights to Israel and warned the Tourism Ministry that they might head off the smaller American travel agents who provide the bulk of tourist traffic to Israel.

The Netanyahu Municipal Council has called for implementation of the Beth Committee's recommendations to permit charter flights, because the town's primary industry is tourism.

Fashion Week off to good start

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A record number of foreign buyers — over 600 — registered here yesterday for the opening of the Tel Aviv Fashion Week, and more are expected today. Compared with last year, the atmosphere at the Tel Aviv Hilton, where elevators were once more crowded with mannequins and retailers, was confident and active.

Wintry weather appropriate to Israel's entry into the Common Market kept the visitors, from 13 countries, close to the showrooms of the 100 participating local firms.

The Minister of Commerce and Industry, Haim Bar-Lev, addressed the official opening reception last night, given by Arye Frenkel, chairman of the Export Institute's Fashion Centre.

NETANYA THIEVES in separate incidents stole a jeweller's safe with IL138,000 in diamonds, store goods worth IL20,000 and IL12,000 cash from a house.

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Feigin elected to lead Soviet newcomers

By SARAH HONIG

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Soviet immigrants association executive on Sunday night elected Grisha Feigin as its new chairman. Although an avowed activist, who did not at first meet with the favour of Labour-backed groups, Feigin was finally endorsed both by Labour and Likud circles.

He and his list won the votes of 42 of the executive members. Another 27 members voted for a list headed by the executive director of the Association, Daniel Elutz. Elutz had hoped to win Labour support, but finally ran on a list which he said to have been backed chiefly by persons close to Mapam and others who disapproved of Labour backing for an activist such as Feigin.

Feigin achieved fame when he returned to the Soviet authorities all the medals of valour which he won in World War Two, as a gesture of protest for the Soviets' refusal to let him leave for Israel. He was as a result committed to an insane asylum and released only after an international outcry.

Feigin told The Jerusalem Post that he advocates an open campaign

on behalf of Soviet Jewry. He has come out very strongly against the establishment's handling of the struggle for Soviet Jews and the absorption of the immigrants in Israel. He says that Israel officialdom has "not even begun to understand the national revolution which has taken place among Soviet Jews," and fails "to grasp the mentality of these Jews. Zionism should be our guideline and not a hobby or a business," he told The Jerusalem Post.

The former Prisoners of Zion organization is to open its second convention here this evening with a call to the Government "to intensify the struggle for Soviet Jewry" and "not to let up for a single day until the last Soviet Jew who so desires is allowed to come to Israel, and until the last of the Prisoners of Zion is released."

This was reported to the press yesterday by organization chairman Yehzekel Pulerovich. He said the conference will also urge that Rakhah be outlawed, charging that "it has nothing whatever to do with Communist ideology and is merely a nest for the country's enemies from within and without."

Jerusalem owes IL10m. for water Boris Penson has visit from mother

Jerusalem Post Reporter

WATER MAY find its own level but the Jerusalem Water Department's budget hasn't.

Municipal officials complained yesterday that a IL10m. deficit has accumulated because of a greater fiscal outflow than inflow. They said that the Interior Ministry has not fulfilled a promise made a year ago to make up the difference between the price charged to Jerusalem residents — a price fixed at that time by the Government at a rate equal to that elsewhere in the country — and the price charged the city by Mekorot. The latter, say the city officials, is the highest in the country.

A ministry official said yesterday that the ministry has acknowledged but not yet paid — its obligation to pay a portion of this difference and that it will in the near future examine the possibility of acknowledging its obligation to additional payments.

Villages complain of Beersheba's overflow sewage

BEERSHEBA. — Little rivulets of sewage, emanating from Beersheba, are trickling across the Eshkol Region, draining into Nahal Grar.

This charge was made by Shmuel Avni, of Kibbutz Be'er, chairman of the Eshkol District Council, in letters to Health and Interior Ministry officials. Avni says the sewage constitutes a "grave threat to health and an aesthetic blight."

He wrote that the rivulets were believed to be flood waters. But since the Negev has had no significant rainfall for weeks, it is now clear they come from Beersheba's sewers.

No 'Ha'aretz' today

TEL AVIV. — The printers' strike at "Ha'aretz" has gone into its second day, and the newspaper is again not to appear. The strike is over the dismissal of a printing worker.

This is the third stoppage at "Ha'aretz" in the last nine months. In May 1975 the printers imposed sanctions and last November journalists came out. On both previous occasions the issue was pay.

THE FIRST MALE born in Ma'alot Adumim, the new settlement on the Jerusalem-Jericho road, was circumcised there yesterday in the presence of Yitzhak Raphael, Minister of Religious Affairs. The boy's parents, the Spherthals, are founding members of the settlement.

"GAN" APARTMENTS IN PETAH-TIKVA ARE THE BEST FOR LIVING AND INVESTING

Tax reductions for self-employed

Jerusalem Post Economics Reporter

THE INCOME TAX authorities have issued orders to reduce the deduction of tax at source for self-employed who keep books according to regulations.

The decision has been taken to induce the self-employed to keep books, an essential practice for successful operation of both the value added tax (VAT) and the new system of income declarations. According to this system the authorities will not question the tax declarations of self-employed who keep proper books.

The deduction at source has been reduced from 20 to 10 per cent to those self-employed engaged in transport, metals, electronics and electricity.

For writers' fees and commissions to insurance agents, it has been reduced from 35 per cent to 10 per cent for an annual income of not more than IL45,000, to 20 per cent for income of IL45,000-IL75,000, and to 30 per cent for incomes of IL75,000-IL100,000. All reductions are on condition that the specified employment is the sole one of the particular individual.

MKs back IL28m. Egged loan

Jerusalem Post Economics Reporter

THE KNESSET Finance Committee yesterday endorsed Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz's decision to grant Egged a IL28m. loan to enable the cooperative to pay its debt to the income tax authorities.

Egged owes the tax authorities IL16m. in income tax and IL12m. for defence tax. The IL28m. loan is for one year and carries 22 per cent interest. Usually the tax authorities have granted such loans themselves, but lately due to public criticism, all such decisions are being taken by the Finance Minister himself.

School strike in Yeruham

YERUHAM. — Three hundred middle school pupils were taken out on strike by the teachers' union and the parents' committee at the Shoshana Sapir school yesterday. Strike organizers told the press they were protesting against the neglected condition of the school. It has neither telephone nor security fence, and no arrangements for a school nurse have been made.

Local council chairman Ya'akov Amsalem said the school had not yet been transferred to the council's area of responsibility.

The strike organizers warned that unless conditions improved they would bring about a complete stoppage of studies in the school.

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WILSON DOUBTS REPORT UNTRUE British mercenary blames 'maniac' for executions

LONDON.—Prime Minister Harold Wilson said yesterday up to 14 British mercenaries apparently have been executed by a firing squad in Angola, and "a very considerable number" of others killed in the fighting there.

In a statement to parliament, Wilson said Richard Stratton, Britain's Ambassador in Kinshasa, capital of neighbouring Zaire, was not yet able to confirm or deny that executions have taken place. But commenting on reports that 13 or 14 mercenaries were executed by a firing squad, Wilson said: "While I hope the figures are exaggerated, I have doubts about it."

Earlier yesterday, John Banks, a mercenary leader fighting with the anti-communist National Front (FNLA) in Angola's civil war, said he was "half-convinced" that 13 or 14 British mercenaries were executed by their comrades for refusing to fight.

He told a London news conference that "Colonel Callan," a Greek-born mercenary commander who reportedly ordered the executions in the north Angolan FNLA stronghold of Sao Salvador, is "a homicidal maniac."

Banks, a former British paratrooper who returned from Angola

nine days ago, claimed he had seen the mysterious Callan and another white mercenary execute 11 Angolans with a machine gun and a shotgun. "Callan gave the orders," he said. "He also shot one of the Angolans himself with a shotgun. The Angolans were all looters and rapists — they deserved to be shot."

The BBC said that Callan fled into the bush after FNLA president Holden Roberto heard about the reported executions and ordered the mercenaries' arrest and court-martial. Reports from Kinshasa reaching London said Callan was himself later killed, apparently by other mercenaries or by FNLA security men.

The reported executions have stirred controversy in Britain, from where an estimated 200 mercenaries have flown to fight for the FNLA in the last two weeks. Sixty more flew out on Sunday night. British lawmakers urged the Government yesterday to invoke emergency legislation to stop British mercenaries from going to Angola.

Meanwhile, a highly reliable source in Pretoria yesterday confirmed the fall of Huambo, Angola's second largest city, to Cuban and Soviet-backed Popular Movement forces. (AP, UPI)



Women residents of the Guatemala town of San Pedro Sacatepequez walk up a hill carrying the belongings they salvaged amid the rubble of their homes, destroyed by last week's massive earthquake. (AP radiophoto)

'Provisionals' get new boss

BELFAST.—There has been a shake-up in the leadership of the Provisional Wing of the IRA, and a hardliner, Leo Martin, 37, has emerged as the new head. Martin ousted Seamus Twomey, 56, after a policy clash in the movement.

Martin was released recently after being jailed in Eire for three years for illegal possession of a rifle and ammunition.

It is understood that the dispute arose over Twomey's opposition to the kidnapping of the Dutch industrialist Tiede Herraens, by IRA members at the end of last year.

A report from Belfast says that two Protestant gunmen ambushed a truckload of workers — believing them to be Catholic — in the city centre and killed two. In fact, both workers were Protestants. (AP, UPI)

Cairo police raid 'black market' street

CAIRO.—Egyptian police cordoned off Shawarbi Street in downtown Cairo yesterday in a massive crackdown on illegal sales of imported goods after a former deputy minister was allegedly killed there by a vendor.

The minister, Gail Rashidy, 60, was reportedly beaten to death on Saturday after he attempted to return two shirts he had purchased to the operator of a stall. He had discovered they were not imported, as the seller had claimed.

Crowds gathered on the street and chanted "long live justice" as the police tore down sidewalk stalls and loaded shirts, women's clothes, watches, radios, cosmetics, costume jewelry and other items into trucks.

Shawarbi Street has been popular with Egypt's middle class because its stores and stalls sell Western consumer goods. But the lower class resent it because they say it reeks of privilege. (AP, UPI)

Rome police foil refinery attack

ROME.—Police foiled what they described as an attempt to blow up an oil refinery outside Rome early yesterday after an anonymous telephone call warned them an attack was being planned.

A patrol car found a car containing 15 sticks of dynamite and eight envelopes filled with plastic explosives parked outside an entrance to the refinery.

A second car drove off at high speed after police officers approached it and shots were fired during an unsuccessful chase, police said. (Reuters)

Free pornography in UK state hospitals

LONDON.—Doctors in Britain's state-financed National Health Service are prescribing hardcore pornography as a cure for sex problems, according to a Birmingham psychiatrist.

Dr. Colin Brewer, who lectures in psychiatry at Birmingham University, writes in the current issue of "The General Practitioner," the journal for Britain's family doctors, of a hospital he knows which boasts a vast collection of erotica covering every conceivable taste (plus a few inconceivable ones) which is used in the assessment and management of frigid ladies and sexual non-conformists who wish to conform.

"I was curious to know their source, since I couldn't imagine the consultant creeping around Soho in dark glasses, and was told that much of it comes from the police after confiscation."

Dr. Brewer said in his article that "the sort of people who might well have paid high prices for naughty photos can see them, not merely for free, but courtesy of the National Health Service."

Dr. Brewer thinks using pornography in the treatment of sex problems is a good idea. "It's a good thing for people to be unshockable about sex," he said.

Maurice Yaffe, clinical psychologist at a London hospital, agreed. "Pornography can be of great therapeutic value. It allows people images on which to focus for sexual arousal. It shows them what other people do and often stops them from being isolated."

Yaffe said that specialized units for helping people with sexual problems have been "discreetly" set up in the framework of the National Health Service. Films, magazines and visual aids are suggested to some patients to help them overcome their sexual difficulties, he said. (AP)

Soviet skier loses medal: Took wrong nose drops

INNSBRUCK.—Galina Kulakova, the Russian cross-country skier who has been a world champion five times, lost an Olympic medal yesterday because she took the wrong medicine for a cold.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) found her guilty of taking a forbidden drug, ephedrine, and ordered her stripped of the bronze medal she won in the 5-km. cross-country race of the winter Olympics last Saturday.

It went instead to another Russian, Nina Baldecheva, who finished fourth.

This was the first case of doping in the current games.

Prince Alexandre de Merode, president of the IOC's medical commission, admitted Kulakova took the drug in all innocence: "It was such a small amount that it seemed almost an injustice to take the medal away; but if we are to have a medical commission and rules, we must enforce them," he explained.

The commission had issued a list of forbidden drugs to all team doctors before the games began.

Prince Merode said, "Mrs. Kulakova was suffering from a cold and a friend told her she had some medicine to help a cold." She took only three or four drops.

The case was similar to that of

American swimmer Rick Demont, who was ordered to hand back a gold medal in the 1972 summer games at Munich. He took a forbidden medication — also containing ephedrine — as treatment for asthma.

The same drug brought disqualification and a life ban on Canadian track star Joan Wenzel at the Pan-American games in Mexico City last year. And at the Sapporo Winter Olympics, four years ago, West German ice hockey captain Alois Schoder was suspended for six months when a urine test showed traces of ephedrine.

Meanwhile, East Germany kept up the pressure on the Russians in the chase for medals when world champion Ulrich Wehling retained his Nordic Combination title.

Despite his disappointing 13th place in the cross-country section of the two-day competition, Wehling held on to his overnight lead on the strength of his outstanding ski jumping.

His win lifted the East German haul to five golds — two behind the Soviet Union — though the Russians looked certain to snap up another title last night when Ludmila Pakhomova and Alexander Gorshkov wound up their ice dancing campaign with the free skating programme. (AP, Reuters)

Charged in anti-Tito plot

BELGRADE.—Four Yugoslav Stalinists, including a former deputy Prime Minister of the Croatian Republic, went on trial behind closed doors yesterday on charges of plotting to overthrow the government and bring Yugoslavia under foreign influence.

They were alleged to have had contact with Yugoslav Stalinist emigres in Eastern Europe, with a view to finding out whether the Soviet Army would intervene in Yugoslavia after President Tito leaves office.

The four, who were arrested in Belgrade last July, and face up to 15 years in jail if convicted, are Milivoje Stevanovic, 64, former editor of the national news agency Tan-

jug; Dusan Brkic, 63, the former Croatian deputy premier; Radovan Zigic, 55; and Ljubomir Radulovic, 58.

Each of them is retired and has already been in prison for Stalinist activity.

They were said to have formed a Stalinist group aimed at disrupting Yugoslavia's development, overthrowing its authorities, undermining the brotherhood and unity of the Yugoslav peoples, seeking recruits, and bringing the country under foreign influence.

As soon as the proceedings opened in the Belgrade district courtroom, the prosecutor demanded that the public be excluded "in the interest of official secrecy." (Reuters)

"We need serum and syringes to control a serious typhoid outbreak," said Hector Napoleon Alfaro, director of the National Community Development Programme. "We need salt, sugar and lime for making corn meal."

General Fernando Romeo Lucas, the National Defence Minister, threatened to withhold food from one small town because survivors refused to continue burying the dead unless they were paid. Lucas said 2,904 of the town's 3,760 people were killed when the earthquake dropped a large area about 20 feet.

"There is immediate danger of an epidemic unless the bodies are buried or burned," he said. But he said orders to burn the bodies might cause a riot.

In Guatemala City, five looters

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THE WORLD IN BRIEF

'Saharans hold all but 4 towns'

PARIS.—A spokesman for the Polisario Front, the Saharan independence movement, said in an interview published here yesterday that the front's forces controlled all but four towns of Western Sahara, with the exception of four towns.

The spokesman, Baba Mlake, also told the weekly "Paris Match" that more than 1,000 Moroccans had been killed and 200 taken prisoner in fighting in the formerly Spanish-administered territory.

"The Spaniards did not hand over the Western Sahara to the Moroccan

Two dead in Greek snowstorms

ATHENS.—Bad weather and snowstorms sweeping Greece for the second day running have left two persons dead, caused widespread damage to crops, and provoked thousands of traffic accidents, Greek police reported yesterday.

A light cargo vessel which sent out an SOS off the southern tip of a ditteranean island of Crete Sunday is also believed to have sunk with

Republicans see Ford-Reagan tick

WASHINGTON.—Gerald Ford's bid for the Republican Party Presidential nomination is gaining the favour of more and more party leaders, who rank Ronald Reagan as their top choice for the No. 2 spot on the ticket, according to a magazine poll.

The survey, conducted for "U.S. News and World Report," said Republican officials personally favour Ford over Reagan by 2-1. That was

Last Djibouti hostage flies home

PARIS.—A seven-year-old French boy kidnapped by separatist guerrillas in the French Red Sea enclave of Djibouti was reunited with his parents here today.

Reporters and photographers were kept at bay when Franck Rutkowski, reported to be in good health after his ordeal, was met by his parents as he stepped off a plane from Nairobi.

Franck was one of 30 children

Isabel Peron warned of coup

BUENOS AIRES.—Opposition parties and dissident Peronists expressed concern yesterday over the possibility of a coup against President Isabel Peron.

Political sources said the concern grew after an army colonel on Saturday harshly criticized Mrs. Peron's administration in public. The sources said the colonel's remarks were the public expression of the long-suspected military unhappiness with the government's "gray of hand-

Basque youths kill mayor

MADRID.—Four young Basque separatists assassinated a 64-year-old town mayor in a hail of machine gun bullets yesterday.

The new violence in Spain's Basque region followed two Sundays of massive demonstrations and running clashes in the streets of Barcelona — the capital of Catalonia — where Catalan activists are also demanding autonomy for their region.

The latest incidents increased the already serious regional challenge to the 11-week-old monarchy of King Juan Carlos which is pledged to maintaining the central government of Madrid.

Peseta devalued

MADRID.—The Spanish peseta was devalued by 11 per cent yesterday.

An official statement said the government was modifying its intervention rates — the rate at which it intervenes in the market to support the peseta. The new rates in effect devalue the peseta by 11 per cent. (Reuters)

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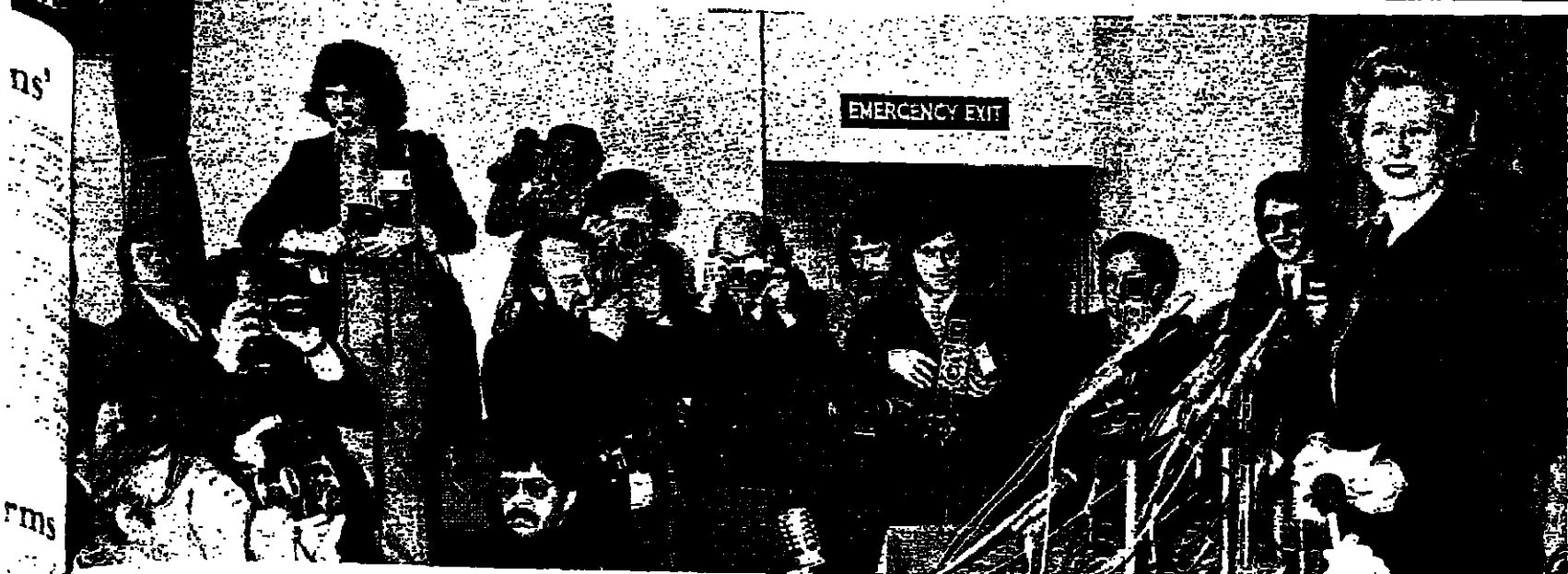
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A look at Margaret Thatcher, one year after taking over the leadership of the British Conservatives.

'Of course I want to be Prime Minister!'

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infighter. "The Labour Party is the natural party of unemployment," she goaded him recently, echoing a frequent Wilson claim that his party is "Britain's natural party of Government."

WHEN Mrs. Thatcher won her party's leadership, it was widely asserted that although she was an expert on education and taxation, she knew little about foreign affairs. "Yes, there probably is some truth

in this," she said, and set out at once to win instant foreign expertise, too. Among places she has visited in the past six months are the United States, Canada, Germany, the Arab oil states and Northern Ireland.

"A grasp of the basic problems of foreign policy is what is most necessary today," she says, "rather than detailed diplomatic knowledge." Before she ousted Heath, Mrs. Thatcher was criticized for her alleged right-wing political views, her

upper-class accent and the "suburban housewife" image she was said to project. But politicians soon found that behind the fluffy blonde hair, the pink-and-white complexion and the deceptively fragile appearance was one of the toughest battlers in the largely man's world of British politics.

Mrs. Thatcher, mother of 21-year-old twins, won a scholarship to Oxford and went into politics after earlier careers as a research chemist and a tax lawyer. Her husband Denis, who keeps mostly out of the limelight, is a retired oil company executive.

Mrs. Thatcher's big problems are to unite the Conservative Party and to win back the working-class votes it lost in two disastrous general elections in 1974. She knows she may have to wait another two or three years before Wilson orders a general election and gives her her big chance.

"We all have to face the blame for our last defeat," she said recently. "In the next election we shall be fighting with a clear philosophy which asserts and protects the rights of the citizen and his family against ever-increasing government power." (UPI)

Parents' smoking harms children

Jerusalem Post Correspondent PARIS. — A direct link between the number of cigarettes smoked by parents and the prevalence of throat and chest ailments among their children is reported by French pediatrician, Gilles Said.

Dr. Said told fellow doctors at a conference at the Paris Hospital for Sick Children early this month that nearly twice as many youngsters whose parents smoke 20 cigarettes a day have tonsil and adenoid operations as non-smokers' children.

He reported that, whereas 28 per cent of non-smokers' children have to undergo these operations, the figure rises to 57 per cent when parents smoke 5-10 cigarettes a day. It goes up steeply to 88 per cent when over 20 cigarettes are smoked.

Dr. Said stated a six-month research programme after noticing that Paris children suffered from more respiratory ailments after a weekend at home with their families in a smoke-filled room.

Parents cooperated in tests which showed that when they cut down on tobacco, their children's infection rate was reduced — but went up again when the adults started smoking again.

Dr. Said's experiments have been conducted independently of the French Government's no-smoking campaign which has made no impact on tobacco sales.

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS/Joanna Yehiel

THE SKIN GAME



WHEN I was English, and lived in the land of perpetual rain, I made do with nothing when it came to skin care. I knew that the non-stop drizzle (or if it stopped, rainwater in the air) would moisturize, cleanse, refresh and generally do everything necessary to keep my skin looking good, naturally (about the only good thing I could find about the British weather).

But now I'm an Israeli, I have to cope with sun, heat, dust, or cold, wind, and dust again. Plus wrinkles under the eyes from screwing them up against the sun.

The first thing one should do upon settling here (it should be written large in all those Jewish Agency hand-outs) is go to a cosmetician for advice. You need only go once, if you're against all that sort of thing. But expert advice, on your particular type of skin and what to do for it in this particular climate (and it varies extraordinarily from Safed to Eilat) is better got from her than from your friends when the damage is already done.

She'll divide your face into separate parts like a map, decide whether it's dry, oily, normal (whatever that is) or combination — and tell you what kind of cream should go where. Then, you can go out and buy the cheapest or most expensive, that part is up to you.

WHATEVER YOUR SKIN TYPE, she will probably recommend moisturizer, as a basic item in your make-up wardrobe. But what is it? Until a few years ago, no one had heard of them. Then, suddenly, all the magazines were talking about

moisturizers. There are three things a good moisturizer can do for your face (and the rest of your body, too). It can attract water to the skin from the environment. It can act as a protective layer over the skin to prevent the evaporation of the body's natural moisture, and it can change the chemistry of the outer layer of the skin to make it a more protective

barrier against water loss. The old favourite, used by women long before the advent of moisturizers, is petroleum jelly (vaseline to you and me.) It's one of the most effective and cheapest moisturizers around. Apply it after you wash your face, or if you're really dry-skinned, after your bath or shower. (Doris Day told "Time" magazine recently that she puts it on all over after her bath, wraps herself in an old nightdress and socks and goes to bed — alone, of course).

Baby lotion is also a good moisturizer, and for people concerned about the possibility of skin allergies, it is probably the cleanest thing around. From these two, one can work one's way up the price market until one finds the best for one's own skin (and pocket).

Martha Meisels adds: One of my favourite recent reader's letters testifies that women could get along very well with relatively inexpensive local cosmetics. My correspondent introduced her to Tanya's "Deep Moisturizing Skin Food" and Shemen's "Night Cream," and she gave up buying expensive big-name brands of these items. She writes: "Since I am now past 70, I do not expect miracles; but my feeling is, after years of using these products, that they are at least as good as all the name brands." Her only complaint is that it is becoming hard to find these simple local products in the perfumery shops, and she has to buy them in supermarkets.

A tradition in bedding branches out

By HELEN ROSSI

A TRADITION dating back to Vienna in 1885 now has a strictly modern address in Jerusalem. The tradition is in bedding, and the name is Gans.

The youngest bearer of this century-old family tradition is Michael Gans, and the new emporium is Gans Mobilia 51 Rehov Herzog (opposite Neve Granot), which is under his direction. The down-town shop, one of the most attractive on Rehov Shlomzion Hamalka, continues under the direction of his mother Ruth Gans Fleishman and his grandmother Olga Gans, now 80, who helped her husband set up the original Gans Bedding in what is now Rehov Hasoreg in Jerusalem in 1938. Their son was killed in the War of Independence and the company was run by his widow and his mother until Michael joined them in 1967, after completing his studies in business administration.

The Gans tradition started with down quilts and pillows. And, as Micky Gans says, there is no problem carrying it on in the Jerusalem of today since Israel, as an exporter of goose livers, is a natural for goose feathers as well.

Bedding, however, is only part of Gans Mobilia today. They have spread out into furniture and furnishings as well as a complete interior planning service (available at the town shop before the new one was opened). They now have staff interior architects and decorators to help plan, along with 30 salespeople in both shops.

Almost everything at Gans is of local manufacture and it is hard to find a more attractive exhibition of these products anywhere in the country. Built-in kitchens to meet any required size are a new addition — Modulis is the firm they are using. Gans helped develop pinewood fur-

niture made by Blum of Jerusalem. Alpha's highly successful chairs in metal, wood and canvas (they are also exported) are featured, as are some very comfortable living room sofas that have hideaway beds. A three-piece set — sofa and three chairs — comes to over IL10,000, a lot of money, but they are attractive and useful, and you can buy the set piece by piece.

Gans stocks a full line of Nusbaum curtains and upholstery materials. Move sheets and towels and probably the most complete collection in the country of the new Rikma bedspreads and pillows. Maskit rugs are also available and are used as attractive wall decor at Gans Mobilia. Micky Gans finds Jerusalemites solid customers. They have a large clientele of young people (some are third generation customers now) who thoughtfully plan their purchases to meet their budgets.

The year of the woman bandit in North India

INTERNATIONAL Women's Year 1975 emerged as the year of the women bandits in North India.

They were all trained by their lovers or husbands to shoot, ride a horse or drive a jeep to escape after a burglary or attack on a rich farmer's house. The top bandit, whose name spreads fear among thousands of villagers, was 30-year-old Janak Shri. Police have now caught her with her lover, another gang leader.

Attractive Janak Shri was an ordinary housewife who had quarrelled with her mother-in-law and escaped her husband's house with her jewellery. But she was abducted by a gang leader, who trained her as a sharp-shooter. She killed at least a

dozen women and looted property worth \$50,000 (about IL730,000) last year. Her favourite technique was to involve women in small talk, while her gang members would loot the house. Then she would seize jewellery off the women and often torture them to extract information about the wealth of other people. Her good looks helped her wherever she went.

During the year, police had 50 encounters with gang leaders, in which 28 criminals were killed and 35 were arrested. But out of some 200 cases of kidnapping only 18 persons could be rescued, and the number of gang raids jumped by over 1,000.

One big problem the police face is

the local loyalty of villagers to some robbers, who operate like Robin Hood. They distribute money to villagers when their daughters are married. Others are helped to buy seeds or fertilizers.

In turn, gangs are given food and shelter by friendly villagers at night.

As one senior police official explained: "Very often it is a matter of family honour for the gang leaders. They are not born bandits, but they become sharpshooters to avenge the death of a father or a brother, who might have been killed in local fights with the police or with another gang. It is this tradition which must be broken." (WFS)

Improving Israel's image in Canada

CLARA BALINSKY, the newly elected National President of Canadian Hadassah-Wizo, has two great passions, apart from Zionism and her organization — she wants to improve the image of Israel through better public relations, and, a trained pianist, she hopes that the arts can be used to explain Israel's cause to the world.

"Zionism is the greatest cause in the world," she says. "But both the Israelis and we Jews in the Diaspora have made the mistake of assuming that the greatness of a cause is sufficient to interpret its message almost automatically. This is incorrect. We have to explain ourselves over and over again — not only to the non-Jews, but also to the Jews, even to ourselves. To do this we must underline all the time the moral values involved, we must capture people's imagination."

"To be blunt, I think we missed the boat in '67, and again in '73 — we allowed the Arabs to persuade a lot of people in the world that morality is on the side of the Palestinians. There was an erosion of support, even in Canada, a country with a long record of friendship and understanding for Israel. The Canadian Government began to talk of being even-handed, they tried to pay lip service to both sides."

Were they not influenced perhaps by oil: although western Canada produces a surplus of oil, the eastern side imports oil?

"Naturally, such considerations may influence governments. But my point is that we have to plead the truth and justice of the Israeli cause, the moral position — not put it in terms of high politics."

She felt so strongly about the need for better public relations that she started to press Canadian Hadassah-Wizo to put such activities high among its priorities. When the Beirut raid took place, Israelis and Zionists abroad reacted with intense pride because of the daring and skill of the attackers, but she noted that there was an uneasy reaction among both Christians and some Jews about the moral justification for the raid. Most Israelis, thrilled by their success, failed to note this groundswell. At the 1970 convention of Canadian Hadassah-Wizo she obtained authorization for the establishment of a special Public Relations Department.

"Public relations is generally looked on as a fire brigade, used to put out fires — in other words, it's called in after the event. This is wrong. We have to have both long-range and short-range planning, to express the Israeli and Zionist objectives, always

By PHILIP GILLON
Jerusalem Post Reporter



Clara Balinsky

in moral terms. It was the failure to do this that lost us so many Jewish youngsters."

Of course, public relations has not been her only activity in Canadian Hadassah-Wizo: on the contrary, she has held every important portfolio in the organization's many-sided activities. "It takes 10 years to get a Ph.D. in music," she comments. "It took me 33 years to become National President of Hadassah-Wizo."

This remark indicates the con-

scious choice she made. Graduating with distinction from the McGill Conservatory of Music, Clara Balinsky for many years organized music festivals and other events devoted to the performing arts. Eventually she decided that she was not a good enough pianist to become a genius or a star performer, while she did have considerable talents as an organizer. So now she plays the piano only for pleasure.

She believes that the arts can also be used to convey the message of Israel in general, and, in particular, the need to free Soviet Jewry. For this reason, she helped to set up a Freedom of Expression Commission in Canada, which will sponsor national competitions in music, art, literature and the dance. She hopes that other countries will adopt similar schemes.

One thing that worries many Israelis and friends abroad is the effect of all the revelations of crime, corruption, strikes and similar ills in Israeli life. From the public relations point of view, does she think that these things should be played down in reports abroad, if playing them down is possible, which is doubtful?

"It is very important to tell the truth, the unvarnished truth. Naturally, we are saddened by these bitter developments. But we can't help if we only get half-truths or lies. On the other hand, we must also be told again and again the positive side of what is being done by organizations like Wizo, how Jews and Arabs work side by side, how Israel is fighting her social problems as well as her wars."

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	IL	IL	IL
Cash and balances with Bank of Israel and other banks		124,192,000	86,056,000
Special bank deposit — in parent company		37,275,000	31,530,000
Securities	2		
Israel Government Bonds		3,741,000	3,682,000
Other bonds		103,000	88,000
Shares in subsidiary companies		54,000	18,000
		3,898,000	3,789,000
Loans and bills discounted, less allowance for bad debts		33,042,000	19,645,000
		22,806,000	17,667,000
Loans and bills discounted		55,648,000	37,312,000
Loans from deposits for loans		2,263,000	1,565,000
Other accounts	3	2,168,000	1,522,000
Equipment and other assets			
Customers' liabilities			
(see contra account)			
Documentary credits		517,000	883,000
Guarantees		3,662,000	1,314,000
		4,179,000	2,197,000
		<u>229,623,000</u>	<u>163,971,000</u>

	IL	IL	IL
Capital reserves and surpluses			
Share capital			
Ordinary IL100 shares	5,000,000	3,500,000	3,500,000
Bonus shares		5,000	5,000
Reserve fund		4,000,000	2,225,000
Profit and Loss Account			
Profit balances		236,000	203,000
Capital Notes		7,741,000	5,933,000
To redemption, Dec. 31, 1975		—	1,500,000
Deposits			
Demand deposits	66,614,000		52,522,000
Time and savings deposits	86,915,000		48,176,000
Deposits by banks	9,000		18,000
Special deposit by parent company	37,275,000		31,530,000
		190,813,000	132,246,000
Deposit for loans			
Government deposits	21,532,000		16,952,000
Deposits and loans from the Bank of Israel and other banks	561,000		396,000
Other deposits	513,000		370,000
		22,606,000	17,718,000
Other Accounts		4,284,000	4,377,000
Liabilities for customers			
(see contra account)			
Documentary credits	517,000		883,000
Guarantees	3,662,000		1,314,000
		4,179,000	2,197,000
		<u>229,623,000</u>	<u>163,971,000</u>

The notes appended form an integral part of this financial statement.

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1975

	Note:	IL	1974
Ordinary Income			
Interest on loans and bills discounted*		9,218,000	6,219,000
Interest on deposits with Bank of Israel and other banks*		20,747,000	10,046,000
Income from debentures approved for investment*		1,042,000	1,708,000
Income from other securities*		36,000	923,000
Reduction of provision for bad debts, net		—	185,000
Commissions and other income		3,675,000	1,736,000
Total		34,718,000	20,817,000
Ordinary Expenses			
Interest on deposits, savings and loans*		21,833,000	11,855,000
Interest on capital note		90,000	90,000
Commission		8,000	7,000
Provision for bad debts, net		133,000	—
Salaries and related expenses		5,064,000	3,201,000
Occupancy of Bank premises		427,000	286,000
Depreciation and writing down of equipment and other assets		133,000	149,000
Other expenses	4	2,747,000	1,822,000
Total		29,995,000	16,910,000
Operating profit before taxation		4,723,000	3,907,000
Provision for taxes on operating profit	5	2,950,000	2,390,000
Net profit before special income		1,773,000	1,517,000
Special Income			
Reduction of write down of investment in subsidiary company		35,000	19,000
Net profit for year		1,808,000	1,536,000
Profit balance at beginning of year		203,000	167,000
Available profit		2,011,000	1,703,000
Allocation of Profits			
Transfer to reserve fund		1,775,000	1,500,000
Balance of profits not allocated		236,000	203,000

* Includes linkage increments.
The notes appended form an integral part of this financial statement.

NOTES

To Financial Statements of the Bank for the year Ending December 31, 1975 (The amounts in the financial statements are rounded to the nearest thousand IL.)

1. Accounting Policy

a. Foreign Currency and Linkage

Assets and liabilities (other than bonds) in foreign currency and those which are linked are entered as follows:

(1) Assets and liabilities in foreign currency — according to the rates of exchange for the date of the balance sheet. During the year to which the accounts apply, the Israel Government decided on a policy of creeping devaluation of the Israel pound against the US dollar. Following a series of devaluations during the account year, the official rate of exchange on the date of the balance sheet reached \$1=IL7.10 (\$1=IL6 on December 31, 1974).

(2) Assets and liabilities which are linked to the index of consumer prices or to the index of mortgages subject to a cost-of-living payments are given on the basis of the last index value published before the date of the balance sheet.

Income and expenditure in foreign currency are included in the profit and loss account on the basis of an average weighted exchange rate obtained from the rates in force during the year. The surplus, which is not significant, resulting from the adjustment of income expenditure in accordance with changes in the rates of exchange during the year is included under "other income" in the profit and loss account.

b. Securities

(1) Bonds

Bonds approved for investment are included at cost, plus accrued income. These bonds were acquired as an investment and not for resale. They will be redeemed at their nominal value plus linkage increments and interest. Changes in the market value of these bonds do not affect the results of the Bank's operations, since the manner in which interest and linkage increments accumulate during the years in which the bonds are owned ensures that their value at redemption will be equal to their book value at that time.

Other bonds are entered on the basis of their cost plus accrued income, or according to their quoted value, whichever is lower, each security being considered separately. The value of bonds for which a value is quoted, are entered according to the Stock Exchange quotation.

In the above, "accrued income" means linkage increments and interest that have accrued on the bonds since they were purchased.

(2) Shares in subsidiary companies

Shares in subsidiary companies which do not have a quotation are included at cost or at a value based on their balance-sheet value, whichever is lower.

c. Equipment and other assets

These are included at cost, less accumulated depreciation and write-down. Depreciation is calculated on the basis of an asset's estimated service life.

d. Severance pay

The Bank's liabilities for severance pay are covered by deposits (including accumulated profits and linkage increments) in an approved severance-pay fund, which undertakes to meet severance pay demands. The liabilities, and amounts that have accumulated in the approved severance-pay fund are entered in the "other accounts" section of assets and liabilities. Profits in the account year on the amounts so deposited are included in the profit and loss account under "commission and other income."

e. Subsidiary companies

The Bank has two unimportant subsidiary companies. Accordingly, the Bank's financial statement has not been amalgamated with the financial statements of these subsidiary companies — see Note b (2).

f. Tax on income

Allowance for service tax payable on income has been included under this heading. The allowance for service tax on salaries has been included under "other expenses."

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The Arab Israel Bank Ltd.

SUBSIDIARY OF BANK LEUMI LE ISRAEL B.M.

2. SECURITIES

	December 31, 1975			December 31, 1974		
	Unquoted IL	Bal. Sh. Val. IL	Quoted Market Val. IL	Unquoted IL	Bal. Sh. Val. IL	Quoted Market Val. IL
a. Bonds						
Israel Government bonds approved for investment	3,004,000	757,000	827,000	2,484,000	1,192,000	1,289,000
Other Israel Government bonds	—	—	—	6,000	—	—
Others	—	103,000	103,000	—	88,000	88,000
	—	103,000	103,000	6,000	88,000	88,000
	<u>3,004,000</u>	<u>840,000</u>	<u>930,000</u>	<u>2,490,000</u>	<u>1,280,000</u>	<u>1,377,000</u>

The balance sheet entry for unquoted Israel Government bonds approved for investment includes a total of IL1,619,000 (IL1,441,000 in 1974) of Israel Government Compulsory Loan, which is not transferable.

The amount in the balance sheet includes the following accumulated income:

	December 31, 1975 IL	December 31, 1974 IL
Bonds approved for investment	1,555,000	1,571,000
Other bonds	69,000	50,000
	<u>1,624,000</u>	<u>1,621,000</u>

b. Shares in fully-owned subsidiary companies

	December 31, 1975 IL	December 31, 1974 IL
Shares in the Investment Company of the Arab Israel Bank Limited	54,555	19,217
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>54,556</u>	<u>19,218</u>

There is a IL70,000 liability in connection with the purchase of shares in the Investment Company of the Arab Israel Bank Limited, payment for which has not yet been called for.

3. EQUIPMENT AND OTHER ASSETS

This entry covers furniture and equipment, leasing rights, and fixtures and improvements made in rented property.

4. OTHER EXPENSES

This entry includes an amount of IL260,000 (IL110,000 in 1974) for that part of the service tax levied on salaries paid (see Note 1).

5. ALLOWANCE FOR TAX ON PROFITS FROM ORDINARY OPERATIONS

- The allowance for taxes on income includes a sum of IL350,000 (IL190,000 in 1974), this being the part of the service tax paid in respect of income.
- The Bank has received assessment up to and including 1974.

6. PARENT COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

In the balance sheet entries indicated below, the following balances are included:

Assets

Cash and balances at the Bank of Israel and other banks, including savings-scheme deposits to a total of IL58,300,000 (IL22,672,000 in 1974)
Special deposit at a bank
Loans and bills discounted

Liabilities

Other accounts
Liabilities for customers

December 31, 1975		December 31, 1974	
Bank Leumi Leisrael B.M. (Parent Company)	Subsidiary Companies	Bank Leumi Leisrael B.M. (Parent Company)	Subsidiary Companies
IL	IL	IL	IL
74,071,000	—	46,614,000	—
37,275,000	—	31,530,000	—
—	480,000	—	406,000
424,000	—	365,000	—
758,000	—	1,077,000	—

7. COMMITMENTS

There are commitments connected with fixtures and improvements in rented premises for an amount of IL60,000 (IL150,000 in 1974).

8. STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 107 (5) OF THE COMPANIES ORDER

The allowance made in the Bank's Accounts for December 31, 1974, for losses incurred by one of the Bank's subsidiary companies was reduced in the account year by the profit made by this subsidiary in the account year. The second subsidiary company operates as a trustee for the Bank, and does not earn profits or incur losses.

Chairman of the Board of Directors —
Y. BOSH

Director —
S. KHAYAT

General Manager —
E. ASHKENAZI

AUDITORS' REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS OF THE ARAB ISRAEL BANK LIMITED

We have examined the balance sheet of the Arab Israel Bank Limited for December 31, 1975, and the profit and loss account for the year ending on this date. Our check was made in accordance with accepted auditing practice, and included those checks called for in the Auditors' Regulations (Working Procedures for Auditors) 1973. We adopted such checking procedures as we considered appropriate to the circumstances.

In our opinion, the above financial statements reflect well, in accordance with accepted accounting practice, the trading position of the Bank on December 31, 1975, and the results of the Bank's operations in the year ending on that date.

In compliance with Section 109 of the Companies Order, we confirm that we received all information and clarifications we requested, and that our opinion on the financial reports is based on the information and clarifications we received, and on the result of our examination of the Bank's account books.

Somakh, Chalkin, Citron and Co.
Auditors

Haifa, January 23, 1976.

NEW TERMS

Bank of Israel

SAVED BY THE OPPOSITION

AS EXPECTED, the government sailed through the vote on a motion of no-confidence forced in the Knesset by the Likud. The Opposition challenge assured Mr. Rabin that all the factions of the Labour Alignment would close ranks behind him, even if here and there, with some reluctance. The cracks in the facade of cabinet unity had been papered over in advance by agreement between Mr. Rabin and Mr. Peres. So the dispute raised by Mr. Rabin's comments in the U.S. on Israel's weapons procurement may for now be considered settled. It could no doubt have been nipped in the bud, if Mr. Rabin had been alert enough to say, while still in the U.S., what he said yesterday in the Knesset. Although a government or Labour crisis has been averted, it would be premature to assume that the underlying issues have been solved. For the problem goes far beyond the matter of weapons lists, and touches on the entire process of decision-making in the executive branch, and on the methods of co-operation — and ethics of argument — among leading ministers. The coalition — indeed, the Alignment itself — may not endure if better ways are not found for reaching consensus and resolving differences. Perhaps Labour can justifiably be confident that the arithmetic Likud will always be on hand to bail it out of its own difficulties. But that is hardly a consolation for the party or the country.

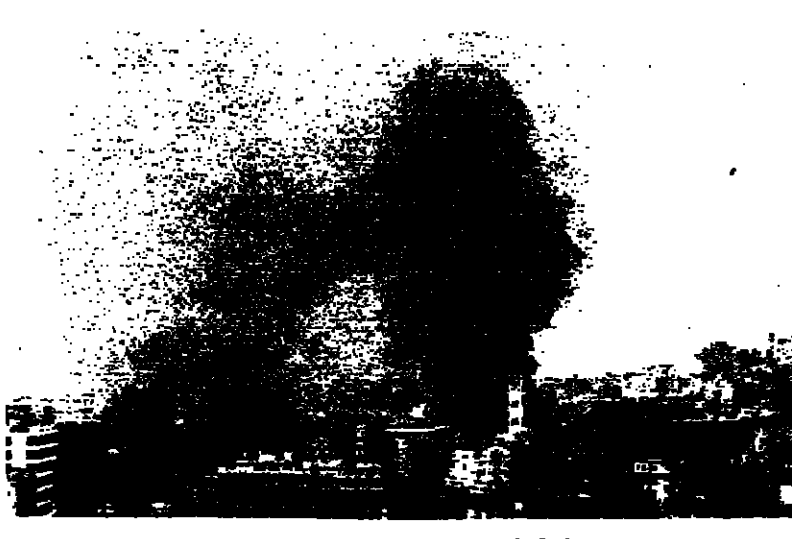
THE RIGHT TO ALIYA

IF PROOF were still needed of Soviet sensitivity to public opinion in the West, it has now been provided in the nervous, indeed erratic, reactions from Moscow to the news that a World Conference on Soviet Jewry is due to be reconvened in Brussels next week. The last sceptic should now be persuaded that a bold and unrelenting campaign of publicity is a potent weapon in the fight against restrictions on aliya from the Soviet Union. The Kremlin views its international reputation as a great political asset these days, and the prospect of delegates from all over the free world getting together to uphold the cause of Soviet Jewry makes it understandably jittery. The usually well-oiled Soviet propaganda machine is showing signs of indecision and uncertainty as it pushes restlessly in all directions. On the one hand there are some small, and largely meaningless, gestures of supposed liberalism, designed to appease Western public opinion, and to take the steam out of the Brussels Conference. Thus the Soviets have just granted a small reduction on the exorbitant price of an exit permit to Israel. They have also raised slightly the number of permits which are handed out to the better-known aliya activists. On the other hand, however, the Soviets are busy replying the vituperative scenario of threats and slurs acted out by the KGB during the first Brussels Conference in 1971. Now, as then, virulent attacks are launched against the conference, and its organizers, both at home and abroad. A counter-conference is also being promised, and we may soon be in for a performance reminiscent of the little farce staged in Belgium five years ago with the participation of a group of "approved" Jews, headed by General David Dragunsky. This time, the announced theme is going to be the "evils of Zionism." Meanwhile the Soviet domestic media are pulling out all stops in the effort to portray Israel as hell on earth from which nearly all Soviet emigrants wish to return to the "motherland." But the purpose of the Brussels Conference is not to provoke the Kremlin. The purpose is, first and foremost, as in 1971, to signal to Soviet Jews that they do not stand alone in their just struggle. At the time this message helped galvanize the Jewish national movement in the USSR, and inject it with a fresh spirit of militancy. The message was not lost on the Soviet authorities, with the result that the "iron curtain" was lifted high enough to allow a total of 115,000 to leave for Israel within the next five years. Now, however, the curtain is being lowered again, with deliberate malevolence, and the situation is in many respects worse than it was back in 1971. Aliya activists in increasing numbers are being sent to jail after bogus trials on wholly trumped-up charges. New impediments to aliya are being invented all the time, the latest being the heavy "book tax," which applies to all volumes printed before 1964. Officials are being empowered to deny exit visas to any Jew whose departure is deemed to have "a harmful effect on public morale." What is most puzzling about those measures of harassment is the Kremlin's apparent belief that it can effectively break the will of Soviet Jews to become free citizens in their own homeland. By pretending that there is no "Jewish problem" in their country, the Soviet leaders are only harming their own effort to shore up their international reputation. Thus, by placing the right of Soviet Jews to aliya back on top of the international agenda, the Brussels Conference will also be driving home to the Soviet Union its responsibility for the consequences of the denial of this right.

LEBANON FACES A LONG

road to recovery after its months of bitter civil war and many former admirers of the Lebanese miracle are gloomy about the immediate prospects of Beirut recovering its unique, glittering regional role. Despite the consolidation of the Syrian-managed cease-fire and political negotiating process, there are many signs of a straitened future. Emigration of professional people is accelerating, the banking sector faces acute contraction, Press freedom is declining and more authoritarian government appears inevitable. The brain drain is an ominous indicator. Applicants for visas jam receptive consulates like the Canadian and Australian offices. The U.S. Embassy reports that demand has doubled, especially now that Lebanese Christians can reach the building, located in a Muslim-controlled neighbourhood. Christians, comparatively well-educated, account for more than two-thirds of the applications, which run at around 150 daily for the U.S. alone — a large figure for a small country like Lebanon. Western embassies in other Arab capitals report Lebanese refugees there trying to reach new countries from their temporary havens.

MANY APPLICANTS belong to various minorities who in the past contributed heavily to Lebanon's dynamism. Industrious Christian Armenians, for instance, who were neutral in the 10-month civil war but are gloomy about the outlook for Lebanon's traditional aristocratic role, account for more than a third of visa applicants at the U.S. Embassy here. Three or four Jewish families also apply daily. Lebanon's more prosperous bourgeoisie has already left the country and may or may not come back soon. While the long-term impact of this exodus is difficult to quantify, the damage is already obvious in Lebanon's once prestigious medical establishment. At the American University Hospital, for instance, one of the Mideast's top medical centres, most cardiac specialists have left. AUIH considers American practitioners' credentials, so a move to the U.S. is easy. Others are tempted by top salaries and new facilities in the oil countries. Even the AUIH doctor who used to process the medical side of visa applications has emigrated. The banking sector faces two acute problems. Lebanon's supremacy in Near East banking — as both a haven



Beirut burning during the fighting.

'Brain drain' bodes ill for Lebanon

Joseph Fitchett/Beirut

and a channel for petrodollars — had weathered every previous crisis. Now an unparalleled problem has arisen over physical security — symbolised by the thoroughly professional ransacking of three banks' safety deposit vaults on the last day of the battle in Beirut: in one case, looters blasted through three sets of steel doors, one pair weighing three tons. Although built to withstand sustained attack, the strongrooms eventually yielded to armed men with unlimited time and equipment at their disposal. For depositors — who have no claim for recovery of objects in safe deposit boxes — the experience is an unerring precedent. A SIMILAR lack of confidence is apparent among Lebanese factory owners after the spate of deliberate destruction of plants here. Even if they eventually rebuild on a small scale, many say they will never again concentrate their investment in Lebanon. This insecurity is mirrored on a small scale in the reluctance of Lebanese to cross religious lines, which will inhibit any new Lebanese economic miracle. A secondary banking collapse can be expected when many of Lebanon's 74 banks, including locally-owned firms and foreign-owned branches, fail because of bad debts. As many as half the banks, mainly small ones, will probably disappear. While Lebanese bankers insist restrictions will never be placed on the transfer of funds from Beirut (and double gold cover will prevent a run on the

Lebanese pound), only government reimbursement of depositors in bankrupt banks will save the reputation of Lebanese banking. Even if aid from Arab oil producers is forthcoming, it will have to be guaranteed against the Lebanese administration's reputation for corruption — a problem which also arises in any plans for Arab reconstruction aid. The Press, once the boast of this capital, has become a problem. Many small papers are unlikely to reopen. Worse still, physical intimidation has become common. Following the understandable local coverage of Lebanon's thuggish civil war, Press silence is spreading to other sensitive subjects. Leading columnists no longer write at all. Significantly, not a single article, even in the form of a news story, has analysed the relationship between the Palestinian guerrillas and their protector, Syria, which has acquired a position of physical control in Lebanon.

A PARAMILITARY attack on two pro-Israeli newspapers by pro-Syrian Palestinian forces here was the worst violence in the violent history of Lebanese journalism. Armed units continued shooting into flaming offices and journalists were burned inside: eight died and as many more were badly hurt. The episode is viewed here as a warning to Iraq and to extremist Palestinians — which oppose the rival Syrian Ba'ath party and its plans to negotiate a Middle East settlement — that no views will be tolerated which challenge Syrian policy. It is a bleak outlook for Beirut's papers, once described as the opposition Press of the Arab world.

Amid all these pressures, a more authoritarian system of government appears unavoidable. Syrian-controlled forces are expected to remain on the ground in Lebanon for several months. A new local leadership group is forming connected with an intelligence network forged by former President Puaad Shehab, who came to power after a previous civil war and ruled Lebanon with a strong hand. Exiled to Syria since 1970, old "Shehabist" operatives are reappearing here. The new political leadership would come from Muslim Premier Rashid Karami, himself a Shehabist protégé, and the leading Christian Shehabist, Central Bank Governor Elias Sarkis, who is tipped to succeed to the Presidency. (OJ/s)

READERS' LETTERS

THANKFULNESS AND SORROW

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir — I am writing this letter with a mixed feeling of great thankfulness and deep sorrow. As an Arab Christian, I am very thankful to the Israeli Government for allowing some Lebanese refugees to enter this country. The Education Ministry deserves also thanks for reintroducing the Jordanian curriculum in East Jerusalem public schools. Israel is not afraid to allow its Arab citizens to develop their own culture and identity. This is far from what the Arab countries are doing to their Jewish citizens. Israel is doing so much to prove to its neighbours and to the whole world that it is willing to live in peace with the countries surrounding her. I wish there were a similar move on the part of my Arab people! (Mrs.) WIDAD VAN DER HOEVEN Jerusalem, February 8.

RETURN TO FREE ENTERPRISE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir — On February 4, Ya'acov Friedler reported about a plan to solve the productivity problem. However, I believe the problem can only be solved by getting at the root cause, namely the economic policies of Israel fostering socialism and the imposition of government controls. I believe that this has been a misguided effort to obtain greater equality. This type of government management of the economy has resulted in extreme interference with free markets, the effects of which lead to low productivity. The Government has continually enlarged its functions, replacing the fundamental efficiency of free men with a vast bureaucracy resulting in today's economic stagnation, massive inefficiency and low productivity. Israel has been misled into believing that socialist, or controlled economies are safer than relatively free economies. However, the historical record clearly establishes that a free economy grows more rapidly than a controlled economy and that a socialist economy often produces a negative rate of growth in the long run. It is socialist policies that are responsible for our massive, elephantine bureaucracy as well. Many criticize the bureaucracy because of its inefficiency and incompetence. They recognize that by its intervention in business, it encourages low productivity. But they reason that this problem is overshadowed by the magnitude of danger facing Israel at its borders. As a result, a few

The reason for my sorrow is that Israel is destroying itself from within. The Israelis are very moral towards their enemies, but do not follow the same line when dealing with their own country. How can Israel ever think of passing a bill legalizing sexual perversion, knowing that the Almighty has warned that he would destroy any nation that sins in such a way? Israel is His land and what is done in it should be according to His laws. Israel must not sink to the degrading levels of the Western and other countries. This nation is too great and too unique to allow itself to be just like any other nation. Israel will live, but she has to live in the presence of her Creator and Upholder. (Mrs.) WIDAD VAN DER HOEVEN Jerusalem, February 8.

seem to question the lack of economic development. Our friends abroad have virtually underwritten the cost of Israel's centralized planning. As long as American foreign aid and worldwide donations continue making money available — and no question that such aid is necessary for defence — Israel seems determined to continue its experiment with socialism which will result in economic stagnation. Such aid should ever stop or even slow down. The problem of general low productivity can be solved by the discontinuation of much of government intervention in market activities. Entrepreneurial decision-making has proven to be the most effective way. Instead of regulating the market, the Government should be an advisory agency to encourage individual initiative. Many of our vast bureaucracies should be replaced by the private sector which, motivated by profits, would vastly increase efficiency and productivity. ROBERTA RUOT Jerusalem, February 5.

EGGED ENGLISH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir — Many thanks for "English as she is writ" (February 4). This kind of "help" for tourists has annoyed me for a long time. May I suggest a corner in your paper devoted to this type of "mistakes" and may I begin by supplying Egged's "Kik, Menorah," Shkhem's Gate, "Centere" and "Nemal Teufa." L.W. (Name and address supplied.) Jerusalem, February 4.

FIGHTING THE WATER CRISIS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir — This country is facing a catastrophe beside which the Security Council machinations and the Egged crisis fade into insignificance. I refer to the water shortage, and the deterioration of our natural water resources. Yet nobody seems to care, the general public is totally apathetic, and virtually nothing is being done to save the situation. Even now, when scientists are unsure whether the point of no return has already been reached, the authorities and news media seem to turn a deaf ear to pleas for conservation. A few dull posters reminding us to save water are hideously inadequate. I suggest that the time has come for a major national programme to deal with this emergency. Here are some proposals: 1. The Government should legislate for the installation of water saving devices in all new water closets, and for conversion of existing units. Such devices have been developed locally. 2. All institutions, schools, offices,

LASER SYSTEM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir — With reference to your article "Laser system for trickle irrigation developed" (January 30), I would like to add a few details: 1. The chief of the Technion's Machine Tool Centre is Prof. Lenz. 2. The name of the financing firm is "Flasim." 3. The first financing was done by the Ministry of Agriculture through Messrs. Kantor, Arlosoroff and Dalayahu of the Government Water Commission. 4. The undersigned actually invented the design of the perforation of the pipe, while the development of the laser tool was mainly the work of the Technion Centre. E.LUZ Moshav Kohav Michael, February 4.

TV PROGRAMMES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir — I would like to thank you for the public service you are performing by printing the Jordanian TV programmes together with the Israeli programmes. The only thing that bothers me is the feeling that 75 per cent of my viewing is free and 25 per cent is being paid for by an exorbitant licence fee. SYLVIA ANBANY Ramat Hasharon, February 3.

SILENCE ON LEBANON

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir — The Christians in Lebanon are being hushed up by the thousands. Christian churches are being burned to the ground, and not a single Christian voice is being raised in protest. Where is the Vatican's spokesman, Monsignore Alessandrini of the "Osservatore Romano," who is usually so prompt in censuring the Jews when he deems that Christian interests are at stake? Where is the Pope? Where are the heads of the Eastern churches? They all let their Christian brothers die without as much as a "requiescat in pace." Interests of considerably more importance than human lives and human rights are at stake. Thus: "Silentium, please!" BERTHOLD WYLER Geneva, January 20.

AMIEL SCHOTZ

Beersheba, January 27.

POSTSCRIPTS

LOS ANGELES has done its part of the city's giant urban programme a multi-million dollar mall has just been opened. Triforium as the high point of a six-storey three-pointed terrace lower that played some people call it a "pencil-nickeladeon." Others "a nudging to Orpheus." Actually, a satellite loud-speaker system to record concrete tower that lights will play anything — records or live performances. As the flows out, hand-blown glass burst into all the colours of the bow. It is meant to attract people, not which is intended to be a civic centre in downtown Los Angeles. The designer, Triforium, Dr. Joseph Young, off all the criticism away from their time the Eiffel Tower and Statue of Liberty were understood. But he designed, says, as a dynamic, creative tool and hopes that the city won't allow it to become a monument for the birds to sit on expensive bird-perch, at around million dollars.

ONE OF THE MOST

old soldiers who turned up for cent congress of Jewish servicemen, we are told, was Hyman Lush of London. Although 85 years old, he displayed the energy and vigour of men half his age. Wearing varied medals, he did not miss the discussions, lectures or his record of service goes to the First World War, volunteered for the Royal Medical Corps in 1914 and fought in the Gallipoli campaign. He was in Mesopotamia during the war, including Mesopotamia day Iraq — but they used to Mesopot for short in those days. The Indian North-West Frontier was a member of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade between 1914 and supervised emergency services in London during the Second World War. He volunteered to work with teams bringing help to the Nazis. Mr. Lush, who represented the branches of Britain's Jewish Congress, has attended every Remembrance Day parade of ex-soldiers in London since the First World War. A real old soldier.

MAY WE GIVE YOU

for a brief feeling of vitality, moral uplift, and Jewish patriotism, which is help in facing the daily news. Wake up early enough in morning to catch KOL YISRAEL identification signature preceding the 5.45 a.m. news in Russian. You may find, as we did, heard them unexpectedly the day, that the drum beat "HatiKva" are as stirring as way as those of Beethoven used to be in the gloomy World War Two. There is still they seem to affirm — not only Jews of the Soviet Union to who broadcast is beamed, but those of us at home in need of encouragement.

Thursday, Feb. 12, 8.00p

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